



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: GASTRIC BAND INTRODUCTION DEVICE

Commissioner For Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of August 10, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.